**Sermon Notes for April 12, 2020**

**Westview Baptist Church**

**Living in the New Reality**

**The New Reality**

*But I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected. (1 Corinthians 9:27 ASV)*

**Peter May**

**What is Easter all about?**

*Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead— and all the brothers and sisters with me,
To the churches in Galatia: (Galatians 1:1–2 NIV11)*

**Good Friday**

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father. (Galatians 1:4–5 NIV11)*

**1. Jesus gave himself for our sins**

**2. To rescue us**

*This man, Paul, was seized by the Jews and they were about to kill him, but I came with my troops and rescued him, for I had learned that he is a Roman citizen. (Acts 23:27 NIV11)*

*I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.’ (Acts 7:34 NIV11)*

**3. From the present evil age**

**Easter**

*Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead. (Galatians 1:1–2 NIV11)*

**The River**

**Lazarus**

*Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well. (John 12:9–10 NIV11)*

**Jesus**

*So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. (1 Corinthians 15:42–44 NIV11)*

**Easter Truths**

**Baptism**

*All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. (Romans 6:3–4 NIV11)*

*We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20 NIV11)*

**Hope**